



# ACUSHNET

## Bristol County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Originally an agricultural community embracing the headwaters of the Acushnet River, the residential Town of Acushnet has retained its rural atmosphere while also providing a home for various industries. Through the 1800s the town was the site of water powered factories and boat yards; in the 1990s the town hosts construction, manufacturing and agri/aquaculture industries. It is the original home of the Titleist golf ball. Acushnet is a quiet friendly community of under 10,000 with many miles of winding, country roads. Residents take great pride in the town's schools, openness and feeling of family. Each fall, during the well known Apple/Peach Festival, Acushnet's growers, artisans and Historical Society welcome visitors from far and wide.

(Seal and narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Freetown on the north, Rochester and Mattapoisett on the east, Fairhaven on the south, and New Bedford on the west. Acushnet is 51 miles south of Boston; 210 miles from New York City; and 35 miles southeast of Providence, Rhode Island.

**Total Area:** 18.92 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 18.46 sq. miles

**Population:** 9,554

**Density:** 518 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(New Bedford Station)

Normal temperature in January.....30.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....73.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.3"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

New Bedford North, Marion, Assawompset Pond

## Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and

Economic Development District

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

New Bedford



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 995-2915

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen  
Executive Secretary  
Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1860

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 5,488

Democrats 2,592 47.2 % Republicans 313 5.7 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 2,583 47.1 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Acushnet town, Bristol County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	10,161	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	10,161	100.0
Male.....	4,975	49.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	80	0.8
Female.....	5,186	51.0	Mexican.....	9	0.1
Under 5 years.....	511	5.0	Puerto Rican.....	34	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	636	6.3	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	779	7.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	35	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	724	7.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,081	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	425	4.2	White alone.....	9,842	96.9
25 to 34 years.....	1,185	11.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,793	17.6	Total population.....	10,161	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,567	15.4	In households.....	10,149	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	593	5.8	Householder.....	3,793	37.3
60 to 64 years.....	434	4.3	Spouse.....	2,381	23.4
65 to 74 years.....	817	8.0	Child.....	3,196	31.5
75 to 84 years.....	561	5.5	Own child under 18 years.....	2,166	21.3
85 years and over.....	136	1.3	Other relatives.....	454	4.5
Median age (years).....	39.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	175	1.7
18 years and over.....	7,787	76.6	Nonrelatives.....	325	3.2
Male.....	3,752	36.9	Unmarried partner.....	181	1.8
Female.....	4,035	39.7	In group quarters.....	12	0.1
21 years and over.....	7,417	73.0	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	1,776	17.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	12	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,514	14.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	644	6.3	Total households.....	3,793	100.0
Female.....	870	8.6	Family households (families).....	2,837	74.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,241	32.7
One race.....	10,034	98.8	Married-couple family.....	2,381	62.8
White.....	9,876	97.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,019	26.9
Black or African American.....	43	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	326	8.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	17	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	155	4.1
Asian.....	17	0.2	Nonfamily households.....	956	25.2
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	802	21.1
Chinese.....	3	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	395	10.4
Filipino.....	3	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,350	35.6
Japanese.....	2	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,094	28.8
Korean.....	8	0.1	Average household size.....	2.68	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1	-	Average family size.....	3.13	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	3,889	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,793	97.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	96	2.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	10	0.3
Some other race.....	79	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	127	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	3,793	100.0
White.....	9,988	98.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,186	84.0
Black or African American.....	80	0.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	607	16.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	45	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.82	(X)
Asian.....	27	0.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.94	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	11	0.1			
Some other race.....	144	1.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	68
Conventional Federal:	0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Acushnet, which is situated in the New Bedford-Fall River Area, is served by the airport and port facilities of New Bedford. In addition, Interstate 195 and State Routes 24 and 140 provide access to the airports, ports, and intermodal facilities of Providence and Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate 195 and U.S. Route 6, which run E-W across the town.

### Rail

There is no passenger rail service in Acushnet, but connections to all points are available from Providence on Amtrak. Conrail services a freight rail line through Acushnet. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

### Bus

Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA), which provides fixed route service between New Bedford and Acushnet. SRTA and the Council on Aging also provide paratransit services for the elderly and disabled.

### Other

The New Bedford Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. The airport has 2 asphalt runways 4,997' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

## MUSEUMS

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Acushnet Nursing Home, Inc.

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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